



Soprano Tica Giel will thrill audiences on April 29

Tica Giel, accomplished singer and acknowledged as one of Aruba's great talents has announced she will perform in concert at the Cas di Cultura on Saturday night, April 29, 2006.

Ms. Giel has performed before sold out audiences and heads of state in Holland, Belgium, Germany and Italia, aside from her native Aruba and the other Antillean islands. For years she aspired to a singing career and she has achieved world renown for her voice and stage presence.

Tica Giel studied voice, music theory, and education at the Sweelinck Conservatory in Amsterdam, and started her performance and teaching career in the Netherlands. Having earned general recognition as an artist and established her claim to all-round professionalism she returned to Aruba. She dedicates all her talent and energy to the musical life of the island community by teaching, developing educational methods and programs, conducting choruses, and performing both classical and popular music as soloist in a variety of ensembles she has brought together.

On April 29th she will be accompanied by a number of noted Aruban musicians such as Johnny Croes, Juan Tromp, Ivan Quandus and eight Venezuelan musicians of the Symphonico de Maracaibo string section. In addition, Tica will perform with a children's chorus and the "Den Harmonia" Chorus, both the women's and mixed sections, all under the musical direction of Pepe Gonzalez.

She revealed to press members on Wednesday afternoon a lively program that is a mix of beloved music by some of Aruba's favorite native composers and performers in Papiamentu such as Bernadina Growell. Other selections will also consist of works in English, Dutch, Spanish and Italian, catering to a broad range of musical tastes that promises to be a very eclectic program. There will be a potpourri of Latin and Caribbean music to finish off the evening's program.

Tica is just coming out of a very successful concert this past October, and due to such high demand, UNOCA (Union Organismo Cultural Arubano) has sponsored this concert titled "Danki," for the end of the month.

The concert will begin at 8:30 PM in the main auditorium of the Cas di Cultura. Tickets are available for only twenty-five florins at the van Dorp Bookstore in Oranjestad, The Esquire in San Nicolas, Wacamaya Lottery shop in Boegoeroei, and at the UNOCA offices adjacent to the Cas di Cultura. There will be only the one performance, as the musicians from Venezuela must return home immediately. Before the actual concert, there will be a week of workshops and performance recital for adults and a special morning concert for the schoolchildren of the island.